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GOVERNOR SEES SHA TIN NEW TOWN PROGRESS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY SPENT MOST OF THE AFTERNOON MAKING AN ON-THE-SPOT INSPECTION OF THE DEVELOPMENTS AT SHA TIN WHICH WILL BOOST THE NEW TOWN'S POPULATION BY MORE THAN 20,000 IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

SIR MURRAY WAS GIVEN A FULL BRIEFING ON PROGRESS BY SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. HE ALSO HELD TALKS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS ON THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN TRANSFORMING SHA TIN INTO A TOWN OF 500,000 WITHIN 10 YEARS.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES- THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. MICHAEL SUEN, AND THE PWD PROJECT MANAGER, MR. B.H. NEWMAN.

THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SIR MURRAY SAW INCLUDED:

- * THE FIRST STAGE OF THE WO CHE ESTATE, WHICH IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED IN JUNE THIS YEAR PROVIDING MORE THAN 2,000 FLATS FOR ABOUT 10,000 PEOPLE.

THE SECOND STAGE OF THE PROJECT, A COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE WITH SHOPS, LIBRARY, A SCHOOL FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, COMMUNITY HALL, YOUTH CENTRE, CHILDREN'S CENTRE AND 4,500 SQUARE FEET OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITY SPACE AROUND A TERRACED GARDEN, IS DUE FOR COMPLETION AT THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

ULTIMATELY, THE WO CHE ESTATE WILL HOUSE 40,000 PEOPLE.

- * THE FO TAN INDUSTRIAL AREA, WHERE SIX FACTORIES ARE ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND WORK ON ANOTHER THREE IS TO BEGIN SOON. CHINA RESOURCES IS ALREADY OPERATING AN OIL STORAGE DEPOT AT FO TAN.
- * THE FIRST NEW TERRITORIES SITE FOR THE FLATS-FOR-SALE SCHEME -- A JOCKEY CLUB BORROW AREA ABOVE WO CHE VILLAGE -- WHICH IS DUE TO BE HANDED OVER TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT FOR DETAILED PLANNING IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

SIR MURRAY STARTED HIS VISIT WITH A GENERAL BRIEFING AT THE LOOKOUT AREA BEHIND SHA TIN WAI WHICH COMMANDS A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE SHA TIN AREA.

AFTER INSPECTING VARIOUS PROJECTS, SIR MURRAY WENT TO THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE FOR A DISCUSSION ON LOCAL PROBLEMS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE, LED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, MR. WAI HON-LEUNG.

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LEGCO MEETS TOMORROW

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THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, DR. THE HON. S.Y. CHUNG, WILL ASK A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO URBAN COUNCIL RATE AND GENERAL RATE WHEN THE COUNCIL MEETS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

DR. CHUNG WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO LIST THE MAIN HEADINGS OF EXPENDITURE WHICH THE URBAN COUNCIL RATE, NOW PAYABLE AT SIX PER CENT OF RATEABLE VALUE, IS INTENDED TO COVER.

HE WILL ALSO ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO CONFIRM THAT THE GENERAL RATE NOW PAYABLE AT 12 PER CENT IS STILL INTENDED TO MEET THE COST OF THE POLICE, STREET LIGHTING, WATER SUPPLY AND FIRE SERVICES.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN THE LOGIC BEHIND MAKING THE OCCUPIERS OF PREMISES PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE GENERAL RATE, IF THE GENERAL RATE IS NOT INTENDED TO MEET SUCH COSTS.

OTHER UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 15 QUESTIONS. THEY CONCERN, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE GOVERNMENT'S MOST RECENT THOUGHTS ON A POPULATION POLICY, THE GOVERNMENT'S PRESENT THINKING ON THE BUILDING OF A BRIDGE ACROSS TO LANTAU ISLAND, EITHER AS A PUBLIC VENTURE OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, AND THE STANDARD OF PRIVATE NIGHT SCHOOLS.

DURING THE MEETING, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL MOVE A MOTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP FUND.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977 AND EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977.

DURING THE ADJOURNMENT DEBATE, THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN WILL RAISE THE MATTER OF +PROVISION BY GOVERNMENT OF MORE MULTI-STOREY FLATTED FACTORY SPACE FOR SMALL FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS+.

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TAXPAYERS URGED TO HEED DUE DATE

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DUE DATES FOR THE PAYMENT OF MOST SALARIES TAX ASSESSMENTS FALL WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT THE SAFEST AND MOST CONVENIENT WAY OF SETTling THEIR TAX BILLS IS BY SENDING A CHEQUE THROUGH THE POST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT COLLECTION OFFICES WOULD BE EXTREMELY BUSY OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

+ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE SO THAT THE PUBLIC COUNTER ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING WILL BE SET ASIDE EXCLUSIVELY FOR PAYING SALARIES TAX DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. WHILE THIS SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT IS IN OPERATION, PAYMENT OF ALL OTHER TAXES SHOULD BE MADE AT THE COUNTER ON THE GROUND FLOOR,+ HE SAID.

SALARIES TAX CAN ALSO BE PAID AT THE COLLECTION OFFICES AT THE +OLD+ HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK BUILDING, 664, NATHAN ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, KOWLOON AND IN TSUEN WAN AT THE ON YUE BUILDING, 132, TSUEN WAN MARKET STREET, GROUND FLOOR.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT TO SAVE A TRIP TO ONE OF THE COLLECTION OFFICES AND TO AVOID THE INCONVENIENCE OF QUEUING UP, THE BEST WAY TO SETTLE THE TAX BILL WAS TO SEND A CHEQUE TOGETHER WITH THE DEMAND NOTE THROUGH THE POST.

+LAST YEAR SOME 100,000 PEOPLE MADE USE OF THE POST TO PAY THEIR TAXES,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR THE ADDITION OF A FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE WHERE TAX WAS NOT PAID BY THE DUE DATE.

+THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT ISSUE REMINDER NOTICES AND TAXPAYERS WHO FAIL TO PAY IN TIME ARE LIABLE TO BE SURCHARGED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.

+FOR THOSE PAYING THROUGH THE POST THERE WILL BE NO SURCHARGE IF THE ENVELOPE IS POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN THE DUE DATE SHOWN ON THE DEMAND NOTE.

+CROSSED CHEQUES PAYABLE TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE SENT TO THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, CENTRAL MAIL OFFICE, G.P.O. BOX 132, HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

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DEALERS REGISTERED UNDER COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE
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PART IV OF THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE 1976 WHICH CONTAINS PROVISIONS RELATING TO MATTERS ON REGISTRATION OF COMMODITY DEALERS, COMMODITY TRADING ADVISERS AND REPRESENTATIVES CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1977.

UNDER THIS PART, THE COMMISSIONER FOR COMMODITIES TRADING HAS SO FAR REGISTERED 16 CORPORATE DEALERS, 28 INDIVIDUAL DEALERS, 138 DEALER'S REPRESENTATIVES, ONE CORPORATE COMMODITY TRADING ADVISER AND TWO INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY TRADING ADVISERS.

INVESTORS IN COMMODITY FUTURES CONTRACTS ARE ADVISED ONLY TO TRADE THROUGH REGISTERED DEALERS AND TRADING ADVISERS.

PARTICULARS OF PERSONS REGISTERED UNDER PART IV OF THE ORDINANCE HAVE BEEN ENTERED IN PUBLIC REGISTERS. THESE REGISTERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR COMMODITIES TRADING AT ROOM 2404 CONNAUGHT CENTRE, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG ANY TIME BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 12.30 P.M. OR 2.30 P.M. AND 4.30 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS AND BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 12.30 P.M. ON SATURDAYS EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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GOVERNOR ATTENDS C.A.S. 25TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING ATTENDED THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES AT THE HONG KONG CLUB.

AMONG THE MANY PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED THE RECEPTION WERE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE AIR RAID PRECAUTION CORPS (ARP) WHICH WAS DISBANDED FOLLOWING THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR IN 1945.

IN HIS SHORT ADDRESS, THE CAS COMMISSIONER, MR. P.C. WOO, SAID THAT SINCE THE BIRTH OF THE CAS IN 1952, THE ORGANISATION HAD SEEN MANY CHANGES BOTH IN ITS ESTABLISHMENT AND IN THE TASKS IT PERFORMED.

HE ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE SERVICES WHICH HE ADDED HAD TO KEEP ABREAST OF THE TIMES AND PLAN AHEAD FOR ANY EVENTUALITY AND TO BE PREPARED FOR ANY TASK WHEREVER ITS SERVICES MIGHT BE NEEDED.

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RE-OPENING OF PART OF OLYMPIC AVENUE

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THE SINGLE-LANE ACCESS ALONG OLYMPIC AVENUE TO THE KAI TAK AIRPORT SERVICE AREA NORTH-EAST OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING WILL BE REOPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 7).

THIS FOLLOWS THE COMPLETION OF ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS ALONG THIS SECTION OF OLYMPIC AVENUE.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 6) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY WATERLOO ROAD, SHANGHAI STREET, PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND NATHAN ROAD, INCLUDING PORTLAND STREET, MAN MING LANE, HI LUNG LANE, WING SING LANE AND TEMPLE STREET.

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